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THE METHODOLOGY OF SATAN

Matthew 12:34 God's Spoken Word

- When we speak, we speak out of what is in our hearts. Mt. 12:34
- First words recorded in the bible spoken are those of God as God brought the universe into existence.
- God spoke order, and light. Gen. 1:3 This is what fills God's heart.
- 1 John 1:5 says there is not darkness in God. s nor lies, fault or impurity.

God's Word is Light & Truth

- When we speak we need the light of God's word and God's truth.
- When we walk we need the light of God or we will stumble and fall.
- If God's word is not lighting your path in thought, word, deed, worship, prayer, etc. then we are without hope. Ps.119:105
- God's word is light and truth we must study it and put it in our hearts and live it.

Satan's Spoken Words:

Gen. 3: 1-7

- The first words spoken from Satan challenge and contradict God's word.
- The enemy has a method of bringing us away from trust in God's word.
- The enemy must first get us to doubt God's word Gen. 3:1
- We must first believe God's word by faith but that isn't enough.
- We must believe and act in faith. James 2:19-20.

Satan's Attack

- Satan attacks through physical needs; the mistake we make is to listen as he contradicts God's word. Gen. 3:4.
- Satan attacks through personal gain telling us we can have everything we desire.
- Satan reinterprets God's word using tempting deceptions of self will, replacing God's will.
- Satan attacks through personal power and glory to bring confusion misery and death.

Deception through Reinterpretation

- 1 Peter 5:8: devil uses anything he can to get people to disobey God and bring destruction.
- Health and wealth gospel reinterpretation: “likeness” an exact duplication in kind. God spoke at him into existence.
- Jn. 17:14; Adam God spoke into existence. Adam is the god of this world.
- Adam used to fly. Don't say I have, say I AM.

Satan's Methods are Predictable

- Satan attacks our areas of weakness.
- Satan attacked Jesus by using God's own word.
- Satan attacked Eve in the garden by using God's own word.
- Satan appeals to our physical appetite.
- Satan appeals to our desire for personal gain.
- Satan appeals through our desire for power and self glory.

Satan's Temptation

Gen. 3:1-5 ; Matt. 4:3-9

Temptation	Gen. - Eve	Matthew - Jesus
Personal Appetite	You may eat Gen. 3:1	Turn Stones to bread Matt. 4:3
Personal Gain	You will not die Gen. 3:4	Will not hurt foot Matt. 4:6
Power and Glory	Be like God Gen. 3:5	Kingdoms of World Matt.4:8-9

How Do You Resist The Devil?

- Your best defense of the devil is to rely on God's word.
- Jesus could have changed Satan into dung if chose with a command instead Jesus relied on God's word in His defense. We must too.
- Satan fled after Jesus quoted God's word.
- The enemy has no power over God's word.
- We have power and authority to use

Power to use God's Word

John 1:12

- As Christians we have been saved by the sacrifice of Christ and made right before God by faith in Him. 1 John 4:4; Rom. 8:37
- We have no need to fear the enemy because Jesus has defeated him.
- We must study God's word, listen to it preached, believe and act on it.
- We must trust God's word to be powerful and true in our lives in all times

Steps to Living Victoriously

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves to God.

- Resist the Devil...and he will flee
- Come near to God and God will come near to you.
- Wash your hands
- Purify your hearts
- Recognize our areas of doubt and double mindedness.

Let ' s R e v i e w

- God speaks order through his Word.
- When we speak we need to speak the light of God's word and truth.
- The enemy has a method of bringing us away from trust in God's word.
- Satan attacks through our desires of physical appetite, personal gain, power and self-glory.
- Satan's methods are predictable.
- We can resist the devil through the word of God.

